



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH  
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

June 2, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-001522

Dear Steve Berkowitz (USA Today):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on May 31, 2023, in which you seek “answers from respondents University of Southern California, Pac-12 Conference and/or National Collegiate Athletic Association to complaint filed” in *University of Southern California; Pac-12 Conference; National Collegiate Athletics Association*, Case No. 31-CA-290326. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00 but also requested a waiver of fees. Additionally, you sought expedited processing of your request.

We acknowledged your request on May 31, 2023. Your request for expedited processing is granted.

Your request is granted in part and denied in part, as explained below.

A search of the Agency’s electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. The search located the requested records, which are attached.

Please note that portions of these records are exempt from disclosure under Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the record. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects personally identifiable information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

You may contact Joseph Mullaney, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 273-3863 or by email at [Joseph.Mullaney@nrlrb.gov](mailto:Joseph.Mullaney@nrlrb.gov), as well as the Agency’s FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order

to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami, FOIA Public Liaison  
National Labor Relations Board  
1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20570  
Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nrlrb.gov  
Telephone: (202) 273-0902  
Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
Email: ogis@nara.gov  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
Toll free: (877) 684-6448  
Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at:  
<https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt, Chief FOIA Officer  
National Labor Relations Board  
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Washington, D.C. 20570  
Email: DLCFOIAAppeal@nrlrb.gov

Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

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Sincerely,

/s/ *Synta E. Keeling*

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (39 pages)